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STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, REGULATING FISHING IN DESIGNATED TROUT LAKES.

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of fishing conditions in trout lakes, recommends certain regulations.

THEREFORE, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925 hereby orders that for a period of three years from January 1, 1945, it shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take more than a total of 10 trout in any one day from the waters of any designated trout lake, but in any case not more than 10 pounds and 1 fish.

Signed, sealed and ordered published this 21st day of September, 1944.

HARRY H. WHITLEY, Chairman.

WAYLAND OSGOOD, Secretary.

Countersigned: P. J. HOFFMASTER, Director, Department of Conservation. 7-14-21

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 20th day of November A. D. 1944.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Rosa Joseph, Deceased.

Arthur Clough having filed in said Court his final account as Administrator of said Estate and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and the assignment of the residue of said estate.

It is ordered, That the 18th day of December A. D. 1944, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy, Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate. 9-21-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD IN CHANCERY

SARAH K. FORD, plaintiff

vs.

FRANKLIN MOORE, HENRY C. MOORE, BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, WILLIAM V. PENOYAR, WED- WORTH PENOYAR, RUSSELL A. ALGER and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, defendants.

Order of Publication

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery on the 7th day of December, 1944.

On reading and filing the bill of complaint in the cause and the affidavit of Charles E. Moore, attorney for plaintiff, attached thereto, from which it appears to the court that the above named defendants and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, are proper and necessary parties defendant in said cause, and that after diligent search and inquiry it cannot be ascertained and is not known whether said defendants are living or dead, or where any of them may reside if living, and if dead, whether they

have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or any of them may be, and that the present whereabouts of said defendants is unknown, and that the names of the persons included therein without being named, but who are embraced therein under the title of unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns cannot be ascertained after diligent search and inquiry.

On motion of Charles E. Moore, attorney for the plaintiff, it is ordered that the said above named defendants and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cause their appearance to be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this order and in default thereof, that said bill of complaint be taken as confessed by said defendants and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, and,

It is further ordered that plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published according to law.

John C. Shaffer, Circuit Judge.

Countersigned, Bessie Peterson, Clerk of the Court.

Take notice that this suit, in which the foregoing order was duly made involves and is brought to quiet title to the following described land situated and being in the Township of Grayling Crawford County, Michigan, to-wit: The NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 4, T.26 N. R.2W lying North of the Au Sable River.

Charles E. Moore, Attorney for Plaintiff, Grayling, Michigan. 14-21-28-4-11-18

NOTICE

I will be at the town hall in Grayling for the purpose of collecting taxes on the following dates: December 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 and January 2, 6, 9, 10, Clare Madsen, Grayling Township Treasurer. 12-5-51

MICHIGAN MIRROR

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you're sore at the war workers who quit their jobs because of some grievance — higher wages, for example. It is true that Michigan has had a lot of unauthorized strikes. They were unauthorized because the leaders, in many cases, could not keep the workers on the job. Unions have pledged not to strike. Still the workers, now and then, get mad and quit.

The daily newspaper prints the news and a labor strike is news.

But did you ever think that these same Michigan labor strikes represented only a small fraction of the total array of Michigan people who work in war plants? And did you know that several hundred thousand folks from other states have come to Michigan since Pearl Harbor — men and women who do not own property in Michigan? They are interested in their pay checks and when the war is over they expect to go home.

It's our observation, Joe, that the great rank and file of Michigan residents are working faithfully and buying war bonds and otherwise doing their part pretty much as the experts at Washington have asked them to do. Why shouldn't they? These same people have sons in the service, too.

Yes, Joe, as the Christmas season returns once more, we hope you will be patient with war workers in the Michigan Home front. We're trying to help win the war, but you must remember that the war is still a long ways off for us. Maybe you'd rather have it that way — to return to a home that has not been demolished or scarred by artillery shells or robot bombs.

The war is coming home to us however, in the long casualty lists. Many stars on the service flag have already turned to gold. At Ironwood the residents of that mining community dedicated an honor roll on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor. On it was 43 gold stars. The names of those men sound like an American melting pot — English, Finnish, Polish, Irish, Swedish as well as other nationalities. They were all Americans — remember that.

In our hearts we all honor you. So keep up the good fight Joe. American won't let you down.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

County Over

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where the children topped their quota of \$6,000 on Wednesday. The school had sold \$4,700 of their quota by December 7 or over 75 per cent. A bond auction on December 7 spurred the drive nearly to the top and a \$1,000 bond purchase coupled with a few smaller sales finally pushed the school over this week.

Railroad Vet Transferred To Jackson

Darrell Murray has been transferred to Jackson from Grayling as supervisor of tracks. Mr. Murray has seen 24 years of service with the railroad.

He was honored guest at a party given him by 30 railroad men which was held at John Brady's cabin. The group presented him with a gift. Last Wednesday, 36 friends gathered at his home to wish him good luck.

Mrs. Murray and his two daughters expect to join him in the near future.

Senior class play "Me and My Shadow" Thursday, December 14 at 8 o'clock. High School auditorium. 33c plus 7c tax.

"Northern Lights"

Visual Education
"Daniel Boone," the fifth in the series of historical films, was shown to the History class Tuesday.

Judge Richard Henderson, representing the Transylvania Company, sent Daniel Boone across the Appalachian Mountains to blaze the way. When met by Indians, Boone pretends to swallow his hunting knife and the Indians believe him to be a great medicine man as he goes on, unharmed.

In 1776, Boonesboro was established and received with joy the news of the Declaration of Independence. The Indians are organized by the British but Boone who was a prisoner learns of this and escapes in time to warn the people of Boonesboro. They are able to successfully withstand the attack and soon open the gates to days of peace.

"Hand in Hand"
We had the movie, "Hand in Hand" to give information to all the students so we can help the soldiers.

In the movie it showed what the Junior Red-Cross children were doing in school and where the children were enrolling. They were packing Christmas boxes. Here are some of the things they were doing:

The boys made ashtrays, tennis tables, checker boards, picture books, and wrote letters to the soldiers. They sent gifts from this country to other countries, and some things were sent back from over there.

The girls made blankets, wrote letters, made picture books, and sewed knap sacks for soldiers and Christmas stockings for children of other lands.

By DeLauras Welch.

Junior Party

Last Friday evening the Junior Class sponsored the regular school party. Although only 98 students paid admissions it was another fine party. Ping pong and several card games were added to the dancing to the music of the Rhythm King Trio. Sandwiches, donuts and pop made up the lunch that made the party an enjoyable occasion.

Home Extension

On Tuesday the Home Extension leaders held a cooking class in the Homemaking kitchen. They served luncheon and from the odors it was very good.

On the Bulletin Board

"The Youth That Does Not Look Up Will Look Down."
"If You Want to Get Ahead and Stay Ahead — Use Your Head."

Skating Ring

On Thursday night about 12 boys and a crew of firemen with City trucks began work on the skating rink in the City Park. Mr. Kumpulainen went back Friday afternoon with a group of boys and finished up. Middle LaMotte and the firemen are now waiting for a good freeze in order to start flooding.

Selective Service Notes

The inductees who were sent to Induction Station, Chicago, Ill., December 5th, were inducted into Armed Forces as follows:

No. 367—Newman R. Bancroft Grayling. Inducted Army Dec. 6th.

No. 10322—Fred J. Niederer, Grayling. Inducted Navy, Dec. 6th.

OUR WEATHER

Temperature		Reading	Degrees
			6 A. M.
Dec.	5	32	34
	6	34	32
	7	32	30
	8	29	25
	9	30	32
	10	14	22
	11	24	18

CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14—Hospital Aid Mrs. Carl Peterson. Bring your thimble.

Dec. 14—Regular meeting of Grayling Rebekah lodge Thursday evening.

Dec. 18—Women's Club. Michelson Memorial church, 8:00.

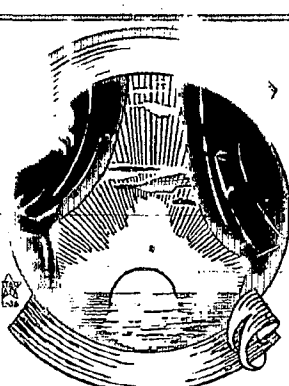
Dec. 20—Kiwanis Club. Shoppenagons Xmas party.

Woman's Club

The Grayling Woman's Club met Monday at the home of Mrs. Holger Peterson. The program was on Christmas traditions. Mrs. Frank Bond gave an interesting talk on the various Christmas customs, and Mrs. Earl Burns gave an account of how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.

The shower for needy children wasn't too successful so anyone having any articles to give can still bring them to the next meeting which is to be a social meeting for members only. It will be at 8:00 at Michelson Memorial Church. The film, "Pioneer Women" will be shown.

Serving on the refreshment committee are Mrs. Herluf Sorenson, Mrs. Holger Schmidt, Mrs. R. A. Van Vleet, Mrs. Carl Peterson and Marguerite Bennett.



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BACK TO THE KITCHEN, LADIES?

What's to become of wartime women—workers—when peace comes? Will they gladly give up fat pay checks for home and a baby? Genevieve Parkhurst, noted research authority, writing in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (Dec. 17) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, presents views of the women themselves.

Kiwanis Club Notes

Mrs. Ethel Pierce, a former resident of Grayling was the guest speaker at Kiwanis this week. She was introduced to the club by Dr. C. G. Clippert who was program chairman.

Mrs. Pierce who has lived in the Republic of Panama for the last four years, gave a most interesting talk. She covered Panama in all its phases, the life, history, people and their way of life.

She gave many figures in connection with the Canal Zone which is located within the Republic. She has been employed in a defense plan in the Zone for the construction on a new and larger set of locks.

Mrs. Pierce took many side trips while in the Republic and had many attention-holding details of these sojourns. One of her many trips were to the San Blas Islands where the natives still live in the most primitive fashion.

Her trip home through Guatemala and Mexico also provided many details which were of great interest to the Kiwanis members.

Announcement was made to the club of the annual Christmas meeting next Wednesday and of the annual party next Wednesday night starting at 8 o'clock at the Shoppenagon Inn. The party is given each year at holiday time to provide funds to insure a Christmas to underprivileged children. The club urges everyone to turn out to help this worthy cause along.

Literary Ambitions

One of the ambitions of James I. of England was to excel as an author. His first work was a volume of verse called "Essays of a Prentice in the Divine Art of Poesie."

AUCTION SALE!

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

1:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

Furniture, Antiques

Other Items Too Numerous To Mention.

TERMS CASH.

William LaGrow, Prop.

Russell Beck, Auctioneer.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Barber have a new daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, born Nov. 30; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carman of Houghton Heights, a daughter born Dec. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Jack McClain of Grayling, a son, Michael Jack, born Dec. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Zerk of Comins, a son, John, born Dec. 6; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Secrist of Atlanta, a son, Joel Edwin, Jr., born the 8th, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fritz of Gaylord, a daughter, born Dec. 12. All babies were born at Mercy Hospital.

GRAYLING SPORTSMEN TO MEET

The Grayling Sportsmen's Club will hold an open meeting at the Grayling High School on December 20 at 8:00 o'clock. Emil Pelt, newly-elected representative from this district will be a guest speaker. The club will discuss new conservation laws. The public is invited to the meeting. Club officials said.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Now—in Grayling.

Jane Parker FRUIT CAKES

2 LB. CAKE \$1.08
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Really Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

GOLDEN-YELLOW YAM
SWEET POTATOES 3 lbs. **25c**
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TEXAS-SEEDLESS—80 SIZE GRAPEFRUIT 5 for **29c**
JUICY—EASY TO PEEL TANGERINES dozen **29c**

MICHIGAN NORTHERN SPY APPLES

5 lbs. **49c**

PEANUT BUTTER

2 lb. jar **35c**

MACARONI

3 lb. pkg. **25c**

MUSTARD

2 lb. jar **15c**

SWEET RELISH

10 oz. jar **13c**

CRANBERRY MATTALADE

10 oz. jar **19c**

WALNUTS

lb. **43c**

MIXED NUTS

lb. **43c**

UNION PEANUTS

lb. **27c**

ASPARAGUS SOUP

10 1/2 oz. can **11c**

KARO SYRUP

2 No. 1 1/2 glassos **27c**

ROMAN CLEANSER

gal. **31c**

ROMAY CLEANSER

quart **14c**

RED CIRCLE

lb. **24c**

EIGHT O'CLOCK

3 lb. bag **59c**

LEG OF LAMB

FULLY TRIMMED **37c**

LAMB CHOPS

BEST RIB CUTS **41c**

LAMB BREAST

BRAZE OR STEW **15c**

SKINLESS FRANKS

33c

BOLOGNA

RING, LONG OR LARGE **32c**

WHITING

HEADLESS DRESSED 2 lbs. **29c**

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Grayling, Michigan, Thursday, December 14, 1944.

Quality Depends On Conscience

Various reasons have been given for the deterioration of quality in the things being bought today in the nation's stores. When the war is over, the general belief seems to be that quality will come back as fast or faster than it disappeared. Labor and materials will be more abundant, and if production is high, the effects of high costs should be minimized. But is this all that is necessary to guarantee quality? It is not. Another important factor is competition. Where there is not competition, there is no incentive to quality.

The American standard of living reached unprecedented heights because production and distribution were carried on under a competitive system. No very long memory is needed to recall how before the war, the moving force back of the sale of every service and commodity was the appeal to the consumer's taste for quality. Maximum quality at minimum prices was and still is goal of the worthy merchant who firmly believes that the day will come when competition, rather than OPA lawyers, will again rule his existence. This type of merchant is the backbone of the distribution system. And it is this type of merchant who advocates most strongly that wartime regulations restricting competition be relaxed as rapidly as possible. He realizes that in the long-run high quality and good service cannot be maintained without the stimulating influence of competition.

If wartime rules over distribution are a necessary evil to be continued on into the peace indefinitely, we may as well make up our minds right now to do without quality in the merchandise we buy. Quality depends on conscience and competition. It can't be sold by the pound at a fixed price.

Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years AgoINTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 15, 1921

The annual election of the Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. resulted in the following men being elected to office: A. L. Foster, Worshipful Master; Ross N. Martin, Senior Warden; Jesse Sales, Junior Warden; John Bruun, Senior Deacon; Julius Jensen, Junior Deacon; R. D. Connors, Treasurer; H. G. Jarmin, Secretary.

The Hanson and Michelson Lumber Co. have sold 14,000 acres of timber in the Upper Peninsula to the Cadillac Lumber and Chemical Co. This tract has about 100 million feet of standing pine and hemlock and hardwood.

Highway Commissioner Nels Corwin announced that the new concrete and steel bridge over the Au Sable at State Street would be opened for traffic next Saturday.

Misses Margaret Joseph and Anna Nelson entertained 22 young ladies at the home of the former last Saturday evening in honor of

Miss Helen Parr who will leave Grayling soon.

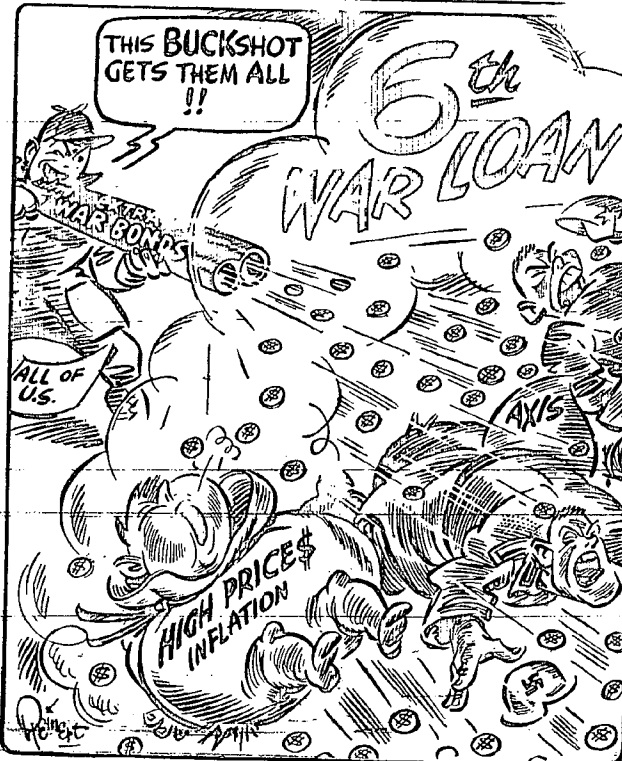
Basketball has gone wide open during the past week with both the High School and City teams opening their seasons. The City team defeated the Alba team 72 to 6, last Friday night. The half time score was 42 to 2.

Mrs. Hans Peterson and Mrs. Lars Nelson returned home from Johannesburg Monday, where they spent a few days at the home of their daughters, Mrs. Andrew Larsen and Mrs. Wilhelm Raas, respectively.

An eight-pound son, Elmer Julius was born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Jensen Sunday, December 4.

Japan yielded the rights of cable or radio stations on the island of Yap. Japan is still to continue mandated rule over the island. All types of fortifications on the island by Japan are strictly forbidden by the agreement.

OPEN SEASON



By Fred G. Reinert—Cleveland Plain Dealer

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COMPLETE REPAIRSon your Radio of any House-
hold Electrical Appliances

Mark's RADIO Service

Grounded for Age



Sergt. De Sales A. Glover, Pitts-
burgh, Pa., veteran of six missions
over Europe, and holder of the Air
Medal, has been grounded on ac-
count of age. He is only 16 years
old and will be given a discharge.

To the People
of this Community

"Sad little personal belongings
are strewn all over these bitter
sands." Thus wrote Ernie Pyle
from a beachhead in Normandy.

More than 2,000 bundles of
these belongings, carefully col-
lected and packed by the
armed forces, are sent monthly
from a Kansas City depot to
homes throughout America.

What is the current price of vic-
tory over ene-
mies who forced this war upon
you? These "souvenirs" are en-
veloped with heartaches and
drenched with tears.

How long this tragic depot
stays in business is up to you.
Every second prolongs the
slaughter. Every extra \$100 War
Bond in the Sixth War Loan
helps to shorten the fighting. Can
you do less than to lend your
money for speedy victory?

THE EDITOR.

Mashed Potatoes
To keep mashed potatoes fluffy,
soft, always use hot milk.

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TURNING LOGS

Call Willard Cornell - Phone Grayling 2821

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS
Losses Pinch German Economy;
Civil Strife Upsets Greece;
4-H Selects National Champs(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of
Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

Displaying awards captured in national competition at the 4-H club's
23rd annual congress in Chicago, Ill., champs include (left to right) Mil-
dred Reed, girls' leadership winner; Donald Mowery, boys' achievement
winner; Mary Jo Morgan, girls' achievement winner, and Donald Sul-
tivan, boys' leadership winner. (See 4-H.)

4-H
Champs

Left fatherless at 15, with the
family deserted by the hired hand,
young Donald F. Mowery of Terre
Haute, Ind., took upon himself the
man-sized job of running a 158-acre
farm. At 18, he had earned nearly
\$14,000, and with it, the 4-H club's
boys' national achievement cham-
pionship at the 23rd annual 4-H con-
gress in Chicago, Ill.

Adjudged the girls' national
achievement winner was 19-year-old
Mary Jo Morgan of Laurel, Miss.,
with an income of \$6,808.25 drawn
from nine years of club work in
gardening, canning, clothing, foods,
poultry and home improvements.
Both boy and girl winner will re-
ceive a trophy from the president
and a \$200 college scholarship.

To 19-year-old Donald F. Sullivan
of Potsdam, N. Y., and 20-year-old
Mildred Reed of Bristol, Conn., went
the national boys' and girls' 4-H
titles for leadership in their clubs
and communities. Awards for these
honors are the same as in the
achievement fields.

PEARL HARBOR:
Trials Off

Because separate army and navy
investigating boards found that Maj.
Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm.

Husband F. Kim-
mel were guilty
only of errors in
judgment in de-
fensive prepara-
tions at Pearl
Harbor at the
time of the Japs'
attack, the war
and navy depart-
ments decided to
drop martial pro-
ceedings against
them.

At the same time,
the departments declared that the
boards' findings would remain se-
cret for the duration so as not to
impair national safety.

Although not providing the
grounds for courts-martial, the two
commanders' errors in judgment
were serious enough to warrant
their retirement from service, it
was said.

LIBERATION:
Political Scuffles

Diplomatic as well as military
problems pressed the Allies in Eu-
rope, with British troops coming to
the assistance of the rightist gov-
ernment in Greece in the latter's
fight against leftist elements, and
the U. S. condemning Britain's in-
terference in Italian politics.

Of the two, the situation in Greece
was the most serious, with many
killed and injured in rioting follow-
ing the leftists' refusal to give up
their arms on the grounds that the
rightists were being allowed to
keep theirs. With Greece on the
threshold of the vital Suez canal
passage from the far east, Britain
maintained a deep interest in the
situation. Said Britain's com-
mander in Greece, Major General Scob-
le: "I stand firmly behind the
(rightist) government, and shall
aid them to the limit of my re-
sources."

Although directly slapping at
Britain for its resistance to the nam-
ing of Count Carlo Sforza as foreign
minister in a new Italian regime,
the stiffening U. S. State Depart-
ment also declared that all other
united nations should be given full
opportunity to develop their own
democratic forms of government.

WAR PRODUCTION
To prevent the possibility of in-
creasing shortages in the Japanese
war, U. S. arms production will be
maintained at substantial levels after
Hitler's fall, with only about
20 per cent reduction in output.

As a result of the government's
new plans, only about 2,000,000 rather
than 4,000,000 people are expected
to be released from war indus-
tries on V-E (victory in Europe)
day, and manpower and materials
controls probably will be retained
for the most part.

GERMANY:

Army Commands

With the great battle for Germany
raging along the western front, the
country's top army commanders
took over complete control of mili-
tary operations from intuitive Adolf
Hitler.

Under supreme command of
foxy Field Marshal Von Rundstedt,
close to Hitler since his rise to power
in 1933, German generals were us-
ing every trick in the book in an
effort to slow up the Allies' power-
house drive to the Rhine. Masses of
field artillery were concentrated
against vital Allied points; tanks
were thrown in counterattacks to
blunt Allied spearheads, and green
troops were seasoned on less active
fronts and then hurled into the main
fighting.

Despite tremendous German
losses, the Nazis were reported
to have no less than 6,000,000
men armed on all fronts, includ-
ing supply and maintenance
units. Although only about 1,250,-
000 between 19 and 40 were said
to be of crack quality, the high
command has shown a dis-
position to sacrifice the inferior
troops in forward and rear-
guard actions, where they would
eventually be written off.

Economic Pinch

Pinched on the military front, Ger-
many will be equally pinched at
home this winter, economists pre-
dict, what with the reduction in Nazi
occupied territory resulting in de-
creased food and steel supplies.

Prior to this summer, both the
German army and home front
were well fed as a result of food
imports from conquered nations;
but with the Allies advancing both
in the east and west since mid-
year, the Nazis have been compelled
to fall back before being able to
stock up with 1944 harvests. In ad-
dition, 1944 agricultural production in
Germany has suffered because of labor
and fertilizer shortages.

At the height of their Euro-
pean conquest, the Nazis con-
trolled a continental steel indus-
try with a capacity of 60,000,000
tons; but here again, German
retreat resulted in the loss of
about 24,000,000 tons in Italy,
France, Belgium, Luxembourg,
the Balkans and Hungary, and
Allied bombings were estimated
to have chopped off an additional
6,000,000 tons in the Reich itself.

Hard Fighting

Their backs to the wall, the Nazis
still fought viciously in an attempt
to stave off the steady Allied surge
to their homeland. Latest threat de-
veloped in southwestern Hungary,
where a great Russian breakthrough
beyond the Danube carried within
40 miles of the Austrian frontier.

As the Reds rushed onward, the
Nazis were expected to reform their
lines around 50-mile-wide Lake
Balaton, which would appreciably
decrease the length of their front at
a period of the war when the econ-
omy of manpower, rather than of
maintenance of territory, was the
overriding consideration.

On the western front, most spec-
tacular advance was in Lieut. Gen.
Patton's drive on the vital coal-laden
Saar basin, but hardest fighting cen-
tered east of Aachen, where the
U. S. 9th and 1st armies continued
to grind forward toward the edge
of the sprawling Cologne plain, with
the Reich's industrial heart about
20 miles away.

MISCELLANY

Even prisoners are doing their
part for Uncle Sam in the war. In-
mates have turned out \$25,000,000
of industrial products since July,
1942, including steel pontoons, sub-
marine and cargo nets, work gar-
ments, blankets, rope, parachute
cords, stretchers, camouflage net-
ting and ammunition boxes. In ad-
dition, prison farm production has
increased to \$43,550,343 annually.

PACIFIC:
Real Sailor

Interesting sidelight on the war in
the Pacific, which saw continued bad
weather hampering the U. S. drive
on Leyte, was crusty little Admiral
Halsey's postponement of a born-
barnament of Manila to rescue 38
American pilots forced down at sea.

As Admiral Halsey's Third fleet
sailed toward the great Philippine
port, it encountered a gusty storm,
and 40 of its pilots were caught in
the air. When a tabulation showed
them to be missing, Admiral Halsey
called off the raid, ordering the fleet
to search for the fliers.

After an extensive combing of the
sea, 38 of the airmen were rescued.
Then, the salty little admiral or-
dered full steam ahead for Manila.

PENSIONS:

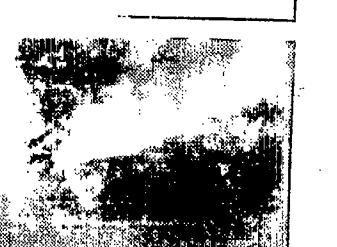
For Vets' Widows

Getting together to settle their dif-
ferences on the subject, the house
and senate shaped a common mea-
sure on providing pensions for wid-
ows and orphans of World War I
vets and sent it to the White House
for approval.

Under a bill passed by congress,
widows of World War I vets, having
an income of less than \$1,000 a
year, would be eligible for a \$35
monthly pension, while widows with
children, with income of less than
\$2,500 annually, would get \$45 for
the first child and \$5 for each addi-
tional. The bill also provided pay-
ment of \$18 for one orphan and \$36
for three, plus \$4 for each addi-
tional.

Although passed four times be-
fore by the house, such pension
bills previously were pigeon-holed
before they could reach the senate
floor.

Death Run



Hit by anti-aircraft fire after at-
tack on German switchyards at Mu-
nich, this B-24 burst into flames,
slipped over on its side, and plun-
ged to earth.

Air Force photo records
the sensational, but chilling, pic-
ture.

STATE DEPARTMENT:

More Changes

With Big Businessman Edward
Stettinius taking over as secretary
of state, other big business names
were added shortly after to the
state department's roster, with the
appointment of William Clayton and
Nelson Rockefeller as the new chief-
tain's assistants.

Formerly surplus property dispos-
al head, Clayton, prominent south-
ern cotton broker and business as-
sociate of Secretary of Commerce
Jesse Jones, will be in charge of
foreign economic affairs. Son of
John D. Rockefeller Jr. and pre-
sently coordinator of inter-American
affairs, Rockefeller will handle U. S.
relations with the Latin republics.

In other big shifts in the depart-
ment, career-diplomat Joseph C.
Grew was named undersecretary of
state, and Archibald MacLachlan
was put in charge of public and cultural
relations. U. S. ambassador to Ja-
pan from 1932 to Pearl Harbor,
Grew, who repeatedly warned of the
aggressive designs of the Nippon-
ese, served as undersecretary for
a time under Calvin Coolidge.

WORLD AVIATION:

End Confab

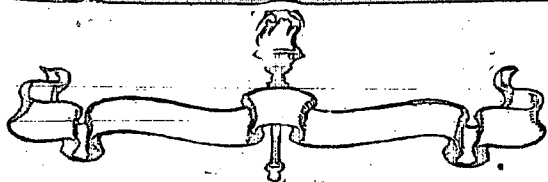
Amid much reciprocal compli-
ment and bowing, the international
aviation conference came to an end
in Chicago, Ill., after 37 days of
continuous sessions in which frame-
work for a world civil air organiza-
tion was constructed and certain
flight principles established.

Permanent acceptance of the pro-
gram, however, will be dependent
upon ratification by the 54 allied
and neutral nations after the war,
with an interim organization to be
situated in Canada maintaining the
basic structure during the length of
the conflict. Powers of the organi-
zation will merely be advisory, ex-
cept for authority within its own
body.

As a whole, delegates favored the
principles of allowing flight over
their territories and landings for
other than commercial purposes.
Great Britain, for one, however,
balked over the proposal to permit
planes from different countries to
operate commercially in any par-
ticular nation unless quotas were
established for each one.

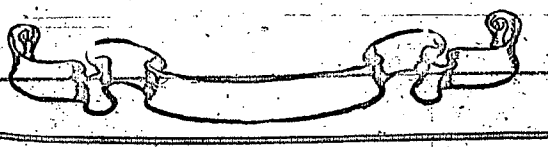
COTTON

With U. S. cotton hard pressed by
cheaper foreign production, Sec-
retary of Agriculture Claude Wickard
proposed a plan under which the
government would subsidize the
small planter with the view toward
financing his entrance into new ag-
ricultural fields. As another ap-
proach to the problem, Wickard sug-
gested a two-price system under
which parity would be paid for do-
mestic consumption, with exports
disposed of at prices prevalent in
the world market.



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GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

By Col. Robert L. Scott WNU RELEASE

CHAPTER VIII

Well, the Air Base General had to ask us to carry out the mission, and to ease the monotony we were glad to comply. Taking the bomb-bay tanks from the ship, we loaded with five-hundred-pound bombs and off we went, eight hundred miles into the Arabian Sea, looking for a Jap naval force composed of three warships, five destroyers, five cruisers, and two aircraft carriers—with our one bomber. Due to the low weather we had to fly beneath the cloud base at seven thousand feet. Reaching our patrol area, we searched until it was necessary to return to base for fuel. I have often wondered what we would have done had we had the fortune or misfortune to find that task force—it existed. After all, from seven thousand feet we could have done very little damage with a single ship. Somehow I'm glad we did not engage the enemy—I always hated to be a clay pigeon, and though the future looked dark, there were interesting days ahead.

Slowly, though, through days in which some of the others took their ships to bomb Rangoon and the Andaman Islands, and finally when Haynes returned from Delhi, the realization sank in that our mission was cancelled. I have never seen thirteen crews of bombers carrying so many broken hearts. Morale dropped like a stone. On April 21, when the base took our ships, I think we would have been justified in getting stinking drunk.

New orders came for Colonel Haynes and most of us in the ill-fated "dream mission" to report to a remote base in eastern Assam, on the India-Burma border, to run the A. B. C. Ferrying Command. This Assam-Burma-China transport command was for the purpose of carrying supplies to China and Burma, to make up as much as possible for the fall of the Burma road.

When Colonel Haynes and I arrived in Assam we both considered ourselves "shanghaied." I could tell, as we faced each other across the breakfast table that first morning, that we both knew that things were going to be bad. Our status had changed from participating in what we considered the "greatest mission in the world," to the insignificant task of running a ferry command from India to Burma. Once again combat duty seemed far away.

All around us now were the tea gardens of Assam. Our landing field was an RAF base. Our homes were mud and bamboo huts called "bushas." Through the jungle that surrounded our base, wild animals roamed; every night we could hear the jackals scream. We knew that cobras were everywhere. On flights over the Brahmaputra River, I would see rhinos, elephants and other animals which made me realize vividly that we were far from civilization.

Our base was situated in a horseshoe formed by the Himalaya Mountains to the North and West and by the Naga Hills to the East and Southwest. The altitude of our field was 600 feet above sea level, and all around us in three directions rose mountains—the lower Himalayas being 25,000 feet, just 150 miles to the North. These great peaks reached their ceiling, of course, at Mt. Everest, 29,002 feet above sea level—the highest mountain in the world. This was 300 miles from us.

Our first job was to begin the construction of other fields in the area—this was to permit us to have more than one base from which to work. For our job was that of being ferry pilots for both the Chinese Army and General Chennault's AVG down in Burma. We were to carry high octane gas, ammunition, and food into Burma, and later into China. We were soon to find ourselves returning from Burma with our ships completely filled and overflowing with wounded British soldiers. Col. C. V. Haynes was boss; he was Commanding Officer of the A. B. C. Ferrying Command, and I was his Executive Officer.

We began our work the day after we arrived in Assam. This was April 21. We had thirteen transports manned by the Army and Pan-American pilots. Our job in flying supplies into Burma was a tough one with unarmed transports, for by this time the Japanese had crossed the Sittang and the Irrawaddy and had taken Rangoon. They now had columns moving towards Mandalay. Their Air Force was all over Central Burma, and the only thing that stood between them and the capture of all of Burma was the few American pilots of the First American Volunteer Group who had been forced now to base at Lashio. These were truly the dark days of Burma.

On April 24, Colonel Haynes and Colonel Cooper transported a load of ammunition and aviation fuel to Lashio for the Flying Tigers, and on their way back an enemy fighter plane made an attack on their transport. Recognizing the ship as an

enemy Zero, Haynes and Cooper left the flying of the plane to the co-pilot and went back into the fuselage, to ward off the attack as best they could with Tommy Guns. Don Old, the co-pilot, dove the transport until they were actually skimming over the jungle trees. These evasive tactics kept the Jap ship from coming up under the vulnerable transport. Just one of the Jap tracers in that Douglas would have set it afire.

As the Jap dived towards them, Cooper and Haynes and their crew chief, Sergeant Bonner, fired magazine after magazine at the Jap. This either discouraged him or the enemy ship lost the transport in a turn, for they got away. But even considering the bravery of these flyers in using their meager armament against a fighter ship, it is a poor policy to shoot Zeros with Tommy guns; 45-caliber ammunition is not very effective against aircraft, but, as usual in a case like this, if you have only a pop-gun to point at the enemy, it helps the morale.

Most of our pilots had been chosen from the crews of the thirteen ships of our original mission. Even with the loss in morale they had suffered when the attack on Tokyo was called off, they were still the best transport pilots I had ever seen.

Colonel Haynes was a veteran big ship pilot, and for the last ten years he had worked in four-engine bombers. The records that he had set with the giant B-15 will inspire the Air Force forever. Here was a big, cheerful master pilot who never asked another man to do a job he wouldn't do himself. We of the A. B. C. Ferrying Command looked upon him as the best, and Haynes will always stand out in my mind as one of the greatest officers of our army. This jovial veteran was ready to do anything to help win the war, but we all knew he preferred to kill Japs rather than rustle freight across to Burma. I lived with Colonel Haynes on one of the tea plantations in Assam, where we were billeted with a Scotsman, Josh Reynolds of Seakotte Tea Estate.

Major Joplin, whom we called "Jop," was another of our pilots. This man claimed that he had been born in a DC-2 and weaned in a C-47. One of the Pan-American pilots had made a forced landing with one of the transports, putting it down where it was.



Col. Meriam C. Cooper watches sky for return of U. S. planes.

paddy near the Brahmaputra. Jop took a crew to the transport, took the bent propellers off and roughly straightened them. With his crew and some volunteer natives, he dug holes under the folded-up landing gear and then let the gear down until it was fully extended, with the wheels down, to the bottom of the holes. Now he placed heavy timbers from the wheels to the surface of the rice paddy, putting them in at a small angle to form an inclined plane. Next he had about a hundred natives pull on ropes that were tied to the wheels, and dragged the Douglas transport up the inclined plane until it rested on the more or less level ground of the rice paddy. Then Jop demonstrated that he could justify all his claims of having been born in a Douglas transport. He gave the ship the guns, and in a flurry of mud and water and rice stalks, bounced it from the field, and flew it home to base.

All the pilots were good, and they were eager. The weather never became too bad or the trip too dangerous for men like Tex Carleton, Bob Sexton, or the others to get through. The enlisted men were the best. There in Assam they fought a constant battle against boredom, malaria, and every form of tropical disease. They ate and slept in the mud, and didn't grumble more than the average soldier grumbles about the native food. The stringy buffalo meat was fairly tough; the mouthful used to get bigger and bigger as you chewed it.

Even with the hardships we enjoyed the assignment—for after all, Burma was just over the Naga Hills and they said a war was going on

over there. Down in his heart, each man really wanted to do something to stop the Japs from their rapid movement to the North through Burma. But we had no fighters and no bombers. I often heard of pilots among the crewmen for going back to Karachi and stealing the thirteen four-engine bombers, but of course they were just soldier rumors. The small amount of good that we figured we were doing by flying ammunition, aviation gasoline, and bombs to the AVG was barely enough to keep our morale above the sinking point. Personally I made a trip almost every day over into Lashio and Loiwing, and some days I went on farther East to Kunning, China.

One day, during the last of April, two Chinese pilots landed with two P-43A's. These were good, fast-climbing little fighter ships, the forerunner of the "Thunderbolts." But their fuel tanks had developed leaks, and when you added to that the fact that the turbo was underneath the rear of the fuselage, the greatest fire hazard in the world was born. So far had their ill fame spread that the ships were grounded until the faults could be remedied. So the Chinese left the P-43A's with us and went on back to China. Colonel Haynes and I fell heir to the two little fighters.

Sergeant Bonner worked diligently with everything from chewing gum to cement and finally repaired the leaks, at least to a point where they didn't catch fire right away on the take-off, as some of them had done. I took one of these ships and decided to use it to protect the ferry route. Even one lone fighter that could fire back at the Japs would be a good morale element for the crews of the unarmed transports.

The job of being a ferry pilot had to go on nevertheless. As the leaks developed again in the tanks of the P-43's, I went back to flying the Douglas transports into Burma and China. One day while I was acting as co-pilot for Colonel Haynes, we loaded two disassembled Ryan Trainers in the C-47 and headed for Kunning. Besides this cargo we had some ammunition and food for the AVG at Loiwing, especially a bottle of Scotch whiskey to be left as a present for General Chennault.

We landed at Loiwing and delivered the designated cargo. The air raid alert came just as we were talking with the General. He didn't even change expression, but calmly said, "Guess we're going to have some Japs—you all had better get those transports off the field."

The Flying Tigers were already taking off, their shark-painted noses gleaming in the sun. Lord, but my mouth watered as I saw them—I'd have given anything to trade my Colonel's eagles and that "delivery wagon" that I flew for the gold bars of a second Lieutenant and one of those shark-nosed pieces of dynamite!

But we started the Douglas up and took off for China with the cargo of trainers. Even as we cleared the field and climbed towards the Salween, I heard the call "Tally-Ho" from the AVG, and then others more like "Here come the sons of bitches." A few seconds later the Jap bombers arrived over the field at Loiwing and we knew all the transports couldn't have gotten off. The AVG radio man, "Micky" Mitchell, called, "They're bombing hell out of the field." Then, in lighter vein, he said the Japs were falling like leaves or he hoped they were Japs, for he could see many smokes from burning planes. Every now and then we could hear one of the AVG say to some unlucky Jap, "Your mother was a turtle—your father was a snake!"—and then the rattle of fifty-caliber guns over the radio.

We stayed low in the gorge of the Salween until we got to the old bridge near Paoshan, then turned East for Yunnan. Behind us the Japs damaged the tail of one of our transports with a bomb, and also blew up the bottle of Scotch that I had brought General Chennault—it had been left in one of the jeeps that was hit. But they had paid heavily for the transport tail and the quart of whiskey. I believe that even the Women's Christian Temperance Union would have approved of the trade—for the AVG had shot down thirteen of the Zeros and bombers, while as usual they lost none.

At Kunning, with the surprised Chinese looking on, we unloaded the two small training planes from the fuselage of the big Douglas. Then, after something to eat, when I had just about arranged with the AVG squadron commander to go along with them on the morning raid into Indo-China, we received a radio-gram that changed all plans.

Colonel Haynes and I were ordered to leave immediately for Shwebo, Burma, down on the Mandalay-Rangoon Railway, and evacuate the staff of General Stilwell. It seemed that the Japs had crossed another place on the Irrawaddy and were about to capture the entire American Military Mission to China—the Ammisca. We didn't even know whether or not there was a landing field in Shwebo, but I found it on a map and in the late afternoon we took off for lower Burma.

We flew through black storms all the way to the Mekong; then, turning South, we found better weather, even if we were getting into Japanese-controlled skies. We landed at Myitkyina and while servicing (so that we would have plenty of fuel to take General Stilwell anywhere he wanted to go), we learned from a British pilot that we would find a small field to the Southeast of the town that was our destination.

Service Letters

November 29, 1944.
Netherland East Indies.
Mr. O. P. Schumann and friends:
While I have a few minutes to spare I thought I would drop you a few lines to say hello. I have really been moving around since I have been overseas. I've been in New Caledonia, New Guinea, and now in the East Indies. I am really in a grand outfit now. My outfit is the Air Transport Command, and we really have goodchow. We had a swell meal on Thanksgiving and I am looking forward to another at Christmas.
I haven't had but one letter from anyone in three weeks. So anyone who cares to write, please

20 Years ago

Discovery, in a single sealed room of a factory near Berlin, of 20 times the number of parts of machine guns that the Treaty of Versailles authorized to possess, was the climax of a series of revelations that the Reich is arming Britain to refuse to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead on January 10, as called for in the treaty.

Samuel Gompers, 75, founder and 43 times president of the American Federation of Labor, died in San Antonio, Tex., 11 hours after arriving from Mexico. William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, was named his successor by the Federation's executive council.

Poisonous bootleg liquor took a heavy toll throughout the nation in December, thirty-eight being reported dead in New York alone, with scores of others taken to hospitals in serious condition.

Adolph Hitler, serving sentence in a Bavarian prison for his "rathes keller putsch" in Munich, in November, 1923, was ordered released in an amnesty decree by the German government.

RATION NEWS

Board open to the public 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. every week day.

PROCESSED FOODS
Blue stamps A-8 through Z-5 in Book 4 good for 10 points each indefinitely.

MEATS, CHEESE, BUTTER, FATS, CANNED FISH, CANNED MILK
Red stamps A-8 through S-5 in Book 4 good for 10 points each indefinitely.

SUGAR
Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Book 4 good for 5 lb. each indefinitely. Stamp 40 good for 5 lb. canning sugar through Feb. 28, 1945.

SHOES
Nos. 1, 2 and 3 airplane stamps take Book 3 when shopping for shoes.

GASOLINE
Stamp A-13 in new book good for 4 gallons through Dec. 21, 1945. C-4 and C-5 stamps good for 5 gallons. State and license number must be written on face of each coupon immediately upon receipt of book. Mileage rationing record must be submitted with all applications.

TIRES
Inspections not compulsory unless applying for tires. Commercial inspections due every six months or 5000 miles whichever is first.

FUEL OIL
Period 4-5 coupons good thru Aug. 31, 1945. Period 1 coupons for new season good now. Unit value 10 gallons. All change-making and reserve coupons good throughout heating year.

Following the lead of the British without hitting the tops of the jungle trees, we followed the Myitkyina-Mandalay railroad to the South. We knew that all the British had evacuated the area about Shwebo except for a small detachment left with the wounded; so we were expecting trouble. I know that neither of us had ever before been so careful at watching the skies. I had my ever-ready movie camera right by my side, but in the excitement I forgot to take pictures as we flew over the burning towns of central Burma. Long afterwards, Colonel Haynes told everyone that I had missed the best pictures in the world, but I imagine he would have dumped me out of the ship if I had raised that movie camera instead of diligently watching the skies.

All the country ahead of us was marked with columns of black smoke, rising straight into the clear sky. We looked for hostile ships until our eyes ached—or for any ship at all, for we knew it would be a Jap, ours being the only Allied plane in the air. We had been flying those unarmed transports so long that both of us had become used to it. Behind us in the empty cargo space I could see the crew chief and the radio operator searching the skies on both sides, with their inadequate Tommy guns at "ready" position.

drop me a few lines. I will answer all incoming mail. That's all a fellow looks for overseas, mail. His morale would really hit bottom if he didn't get a letter now and then and mine is really low at this time.

I read in the paper where a bunch of the local boys met up. I haven't been that lucky to meet any of the hometown boys yet. So if any of my buddies that are over here somewhere ever get down to APO 920, ask for the Air Transport Command and come down and see me. It would really make me happy. I think that I will drop Bill Moshier a line as soon as I finish this letter. I also must write to Robert LaChapelle. He is in Guam. Well friends, tell my Dad hello and that I hope to be home for next Christmas.

As ever,
Barney.

Pvt. Verner A. Rasmussen, 16038971, 1562nd AAFBU, SWPWP, Air Transport Command, APO 920, c/o P. M. San Francisco, Calif.

Der. Mr. Schumann:
I received a letter the other day with some clippings from your paper in it. Even though the letter was about a month old it seemed good to read something from my hometown paper.

It gets pretty lonesome setting around in a hospital and that is just what I am doing. I have been in two hospitals in the last three weeks.

You see I am still having trouble with my shoulder that I hurt last winter while taking training in Camp Blanding, Florida. I think I will be coming home soon, that is I mean back to the U. S. A. I will be sent to some hospital back there to get my shoulder taken care of. I am very sorry to say that I have not met up with any of the boys from Grayling during my six months in England.

I have seen a lot of the country over here, but I have yet to find a spot like the Au Sabie River back home.

I went on a trip to France, but didn't get a chance to stay long, though I did see plenty of damage that was done during the bombing.

Well, I suppose everyone is getting ready for the deer season over there. I sure wish I could be there for the opening day, and I know I am not the only fellow from Grayling that is wishing that very same thing, but maybe next year we can all be home to enjoy not only the deer season but to be home, that is what we want more than anything.

I have not received any mail for a week and I am beginning to get a little homesick so I thought I would write this letter to you and the rest of my friends of Grayling. I thought it might help to keep up my morale.

In closing my letter I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas even though it is early in the season: I am as ever your friend,
James Francis Wakely.

Dec. 1, 1944.
S. S. Pomona Victory.

Mr. Editor:
Just a few lines to let you know I am back on a ship. I am on one of the new Victory ships, boy, they're really swell ships, have it all over a Liberty ship.

Would you mind putting my new address in the paper. May be some of my friends will see it and drop me a line, I hope!

Address: Jack L. Hull, "Oiler," c/o P. M. San Francisco, Calif. America's South African Line. Thanks a lot. We sail in about 3 days from now. I sure wanted to stay for Christmas, but, * so long.

J. L. Hull.

I will be in Gaylord, Friday and Friday evening, Jan. 5, 1945. Offices over Guggisberg's Store, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eyes examined and glasses prescribed. Call phone 148M, Gaylord, for appointment. Dr. Kenneth W. Tinker, Optometrist, Traverse City, Michigan.

Picketing B-29 Engine Plant



Led by bearers of the American flag, a long picket line moved outside of the buildings of the plant at Paterson, N. J., where Cyclone engines used in the B-29 Superfortresses are made. Soon after this photo was taken the strike was called off, the men returned to work to furnish the air forces with the urgently needed engines.

Secret Service Warns Of Forgers

Check thieves and check forgers will do their Christmas shopping with stolen and forged checks. If merchants and housewives aren't particularly careful, according to Frank J. Wilson, Chief of the U. S. Secret Service, Treasury Department. "The government mails out nearly 1,000,000 checks every day," says Chief Wilson. "and about 8,000,000 go each month to dependents of men in the armed forces. Check thieves steal as many as they can from hall and porch mail boxes. Then they forge the endorsements and victimize retailers who are so anxious to make sales that they fail to consider the losses they may suffer through carelessness."

The Secret Service offers some simple precautions to help fight the forgery racket. If you receive checks by mail, be at home or have some member of your family at home to receive the checks when they are due. Then they can't be stolen from your mail box.

If you are a retailer or cashier, don't cash checks for strangers without proper identification. Know your endorsers! Before cashing any check, ask yourself this question: "If this check is returned as a forgery, can I locate the forger and recover my loss?"

"Christmas is not a holiday for the check forger," Chief Wilson said. "He's on the job every minute, always looking for merchants he can fool. The only way to beat him is to beat him to the punch. 'Know your endorsers' require identification."



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10:00 A. M.—Bible School.
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The Blood Heb. 9:22
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10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
6:45 P. M.—Young people.
7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

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Thursday—
7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every-body's Bible Class.
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8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday—Prayer meeting and Bible study—8:00 p. m.

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LOCALS

We find this article in the Outdoor Writers' Bulletin: Oscar Schumann, Grayling member, and faithful listening post for fishing conditions on the Au Sable River, has sold his weekly newspaper, The Crawford County Avalanche, and is resting up a bit, he says. Oscar hasn't missed a meeting.

The Ray Clements are making an indefinite stay in Detroit.

Senior class play "Me and My Shadow," Thursday, December 14 at 8 o'clock. High School auditorium. 33c plus 7c tax.

An interesting incident took place on one of the hills near West Branch. A car with horse trailer attached was trying to get up the hill and couldn't make it, so the driver took the horse out of the trailer and it pulled car and trailer up the hill. The amusing happening was witnessed by the U S Mail truck driver.

Meet your friends at ZAUDEL'S every Friday night for a PERCH FRY.

Edward Martin, G. M. 3-c arrived home Friday from Camp Endicott, R. I., to spend a three weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin.

Floyd Davis returned Saturday,

after spending several days in Detroit on business.

Flash Selesky's Cash and Carry Grocery has a new delivery truck—a panel job no less.

The Misses Margaret and Arline Laage spent the week end with their parents, the Max Laages.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alec Selesky and family of Rose City and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Detroit, spent Sunday afternoon visiting the John Selesky's and Mrs. Minnie Hartley.

Norman Smith of the Lansing Forestry office was a guest at the Max Laage's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Koehler of Battle Creek spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Penty and Dick.

Mrs. Byron Randolph has received word that her husband is now stationed in New Guinea and has a new rating. He is now machinist mate 3-c.

Howie Hatfield would like to hear from his friends and here is his address: Pvt. Howard T. Hatfield, 572352, USMC, Plt 601, 3rd Bn., Marine Barracks, Paris Island South Carolina.

Mrs. Leo Jorgenson and Mrs. Wilfred Laurent spent Friday in Bay City.

The Avalanche has received word that the Guy Petersons of Big Bay are now living in Marquette.

Mrs. Edward Pierce left Wednesday on the midnight train for Buffalo, and Binghamton. She will report back to her Washington position January 1.

Elmer Birdsall of Detroit spent the week end at his Lake Margrethe cottage.

Mrs. Signe Randolph entertained the lake ladies Monday afternoon. A lunch was served and the ladies spent the afternoon sewing.

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Capt. John H. Peterson son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Peterson of Grayling is recovering from an attack of malaria which he contracted while serving overseas with the Army Air Forces. Capt. Peterson's address is now 0-468891 Hdq. 20th B-o-m-b. Command APO, 493 c-o P. M., New York, N. Y.

Word has been received that William Moffett died Monday in Detroit. He was often a summer visitor at the William Strope home.

Mrs. Horace Shaw left Tuesday night to spend the winter months in the southern part of the state visiting her sister and friends.

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Dr. Byron Jenne of the David Whitney Building in Detroit, spent last week end visiting the Leo Koepfers.

James Richardson, the County Highway Superintendent, has bought the Jerry Sherman property on Chestnut Street.

The Mom's Unit 47 of Grayling are having a Christmas party at the Grange Hall for the Dads, Dec. 18, Monday evening. Gifts to be 75c. All members please come.

The Zoa Perry home was the scene of a small chimney fire Monday. There was slight damage done it is reported.

The Andrew Cholos have bought the William La Grow home on Maple Street.

Dr. R. L. Barrus and son, Bill, of Lansing are spending a few days with the Ernest Borchers. Bill is in the U. S. N.

Pvt. James L. Beem stationed in Alaska for the past 2 1/2 years, was a guest of the Otto Failings over the week end.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Stealy spent from Sunday to Wednesday of last week in Detroit. While there they took in Sonjo Heine's "1945 Ice Revue."

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger and sons spent the week end visiting the Stanley Stephan's at

Cadillac.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook were week end visitors at the Bernard Brady's in Traverse City.

The William Jensens entertained a group of friends at a Christmas party at their home on the South Branch.

Mrs. Richard Lovely entertained her Home Extension group at a planned dinner (a group lesson) at her home last Thursday night. She was assisted by Mrs. Elsie Larson, Mrs. B. McMillan and Mrs. Mona Failing.

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The Mercy Hospital staff members met Tuesday noon at a Christmas dinner as guests of the Sisters of Mercy. Each guest was presented with a carton of cigarettes as a Christmas present. An election of officers was held and they are as follows: President Dr. Richard Peckham of Gaylord; vice president, Dr. M. A. Martowka of Roscommon, and secretary, Dr. Stanley A. Stealy of Grayling.

Senior class play "Me and My Shadow," Thursday, December 14 at 8 o'clock. High School auditorium. 33c plus 7c tax.

The Junior Aid had their Christmas party last Tuesday night at the church. Gifts were exchanged by the Sunshine Sisters. Other members of the Aid drew names. A lunch was served and everyone had a grand time.

LOCAL BOY WOUNDED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark were informed by telegram last night that their son, Pvt. Robert E. Clark was wounded while in action against the enemy somewhere in Germany.

Pvt. Clark's address is ASN 36872628, Co. K, 405th Inf. c-o Postmaster, New York.

O. E. S. MEET

Last Wednesday evening the Grayling Chapter of O. E. S. held its regular meeting. Nadine McNeven, Emma Stillwagon and Glena Corsant were initiated into the order.

There were guests from Gaylord and Roscommon and Hazel Shipp, president of the Wolverine

District Association was present. More than 50 enjoyed the potluck lunch served at decorated tables after the meeting.

HOUGHTON LAKE DEFEATS LOCALS

The Houghton Lake Green and White squad Tuesday night defeated a hard fighting Grayling High team by a score of 18 to 16. The Lake team grabbed an early lead which they never relinquished. Tom Huges center for the Green and Whites led the scoring with 10 points.

Huges who is well over 6 feet, dominated the play under both baskets and for the most part held the locals to only one shot each time they had the ball.

Ted Bennett led the local team with 9 points. Ted was a whirlwind on the floor Tuesday night as was Mickey Brady, but, the Houghton Lake team held an edge in the under basket work due to Huges' height which decided the game.

The game was exciting for the many spectators who attended Tuesday night, especially the last three minutes as Grayling put on a terrific drive that brought them up to within 2 points of tying the score.

Following are the lineups:

Grayling	Pos.	H. Lake
Brady	LF	Rickell
Bennett	RF	Ancil
Koway	C	Huges
Harwood	LG	Leedy
Carlson	RG	Cernell

Substitutions: Grayling, Schi-able, Caid, Houghton, Lake, Stuck, Kepler, Nash and Cook.

In the preliminary game, the local reserves took a lesson in ball handling and passing at the Houghton Lake tots drubbed them 52 to 17.

Lowe of the Houghton Lake team made 9 field goals for a total of 18. He was followed closely by teammates King and E. Ancil who scored 13 and 12 respectively. R. Miller and J. Failing of the Grayling reserves each scored 6 as Feldhauser totaled 4.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson is spending some time in Detroit.

Mrs. Foryst Barber spent Tuesday in Traverse City.

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County Agents Meet Here

One of four district meetings being held by the County Agricultural Agents met here Tuesday, Dec. the 12th at Michelson Memorial Church. Lunch was served them by the Aid.

There were over 25 present at the meeting. Among those present were: President John Hanna of Michigan State College, Carl McDowell, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, E. L. Anthony, Dean of Agriculture at MSC, C. V. Ballard, County Agent Leader, and L. W. Barnes, Agent of Kalamazoo and Crawford Counties.

The purpose of the meeting was to present problems and discuss plans for postwar agricultural development.

Frederic News

Mrs. Harry Horton of Center Line came up last Wednesday afternoon and spent the day with her daughter Mrs. Ethel E. Pierce at the Florence Taylor home. On Thursday Mrs. Pierce visited her mother in Frederic.

Those on the sick list this week include Mrs. H. Horton, E. McCracken, and Mr. and Mrs. John Malco.

Mrs. Cleo Cox of Wayne is here for a visit.

Memorial services were held at the Frederic church Sunday for Pvt. George Ray. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. William Cox and family.

ANNUAL SENIOR PLAY TONIGHT

The Senior Class is presenting it's annual Senior Play this evening, Thursday, Dec 13. The play, entitled, "Me and My Shadow," promises to be very interesting.

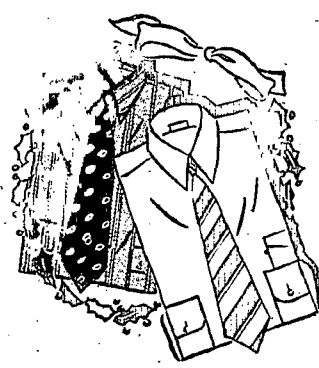
The cast includes the following: Mickey Brady, Dick Dawson, Barbara Borchers, Lois Berry, Geraldine Golinick, Joanne Bishaw, Corky Peterson, Marylou Graham and Faith Nolan. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Norine Hanson.

Students of Grayling High attended the performance given last night, Wednesday, especially for the younger set who judging from the laughter and applause enjoyed the thrills, the mystery and the comedy.

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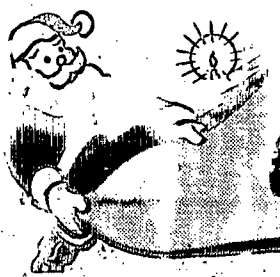
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A Prayer

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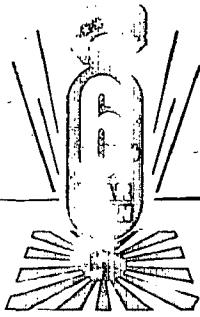
But I go on . . . for I must fight and kill . . .
And work and sweat . . . and hide and run . . .
For here the enemy is very much alive . . .

His bullets still are made of lead . . .
Their angry whispers still foretell of sudden death
For me and others crouched in slime and mud . . .
The end for us is yet to come . . .
And so we pray to God to give us strength
To fight and win . . . without the waste of Time . . .
And with His Will . . . to see our homes again.

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